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April 29, 1997

Susan Ness, Commissioner
 Federal Communications Commission
 1919 M Street, NW, Room 832
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RE: CC Docket No. 96-45

Dear Commissioner Ness:

On behalf of the Los Angeles Unified School District, I would like to express our strong support for the federal "E-Rate" Telecommunications Discount Program, and the proposed regulations governing its implementation.

Under the provisions of the telecommunications Act of 1996 and the Federal-State Joint Board discount plan, even the poorest schools will be assured of access to the Internet and the ability to provide distance-learning opportunities. Telecommunications services will be brought directly to the classrooms, where they can have the greatest impact on students. Each element of this plan is vital to the overall success of the discount program; the inclusion of discounts for internal classroom connections should not be eliminated, nor should the size of the Universal Service Fund be reduced. This program is absolutely essential for preparing our students to enter the workforce of tomorrow.

The E-Rate Telecommunications Discount Program is desperately overdue. To serve our students, we need these discounts for telecommunications services this year. I urge you and the other FCC commissioners to fully support the recommendations of the Joint Board and approve the proposed final regulations regarding the discount plan for universal service for schools and libraries.

Thank you for your favorable consideration of this matter.

Sincerely,



Ron Prescott
 Associate Superintendent

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Federal Communications Commission
Office of the Secretary

Dear Commissioner Ness:

Per our conversation and/or message left with your office, I am requesting 10-15 minutes of your time to consider the following items:

- Implementation of the 1996 Telecommunications Act.
- The plan or blueprint to accomplish the implementation of the Telecommunications Act.
- What impact the Telecommunications Act will have on industry and community
- What the FCC is currently working on that will impact the telecommunications industry.

Ten to fifteen people will attend this meeting from various regional holding companies who are members of the National Association of Black Telecommunications Professionals, Inc. (NABTP). I can provide you with a list of names of attendees by Wednesday, April 30, 1997. We have one hour scheduled for the Federal Communication Commission on Thursday, May 1, 1997 and would like, if possible, to have a welcome and opening remarks by Chairman Reed Hundt and for each Commissioner that is available to say a few words. If that is not possible, then we would like to have a small group meeting of 10 to 15 minutes duration with available Commissioners or Senior Legal Analyst.

I hope your schedule will permit your constituency to meet with you on a group or individual basis. Thank you for your time and assistance on our behalf.

Sincerely,

Jacalyn S. Wallace

Jacalyn S. Wallace
NABTP Conference Chair

cc: Counsel William Kennard

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The Honorable Susan Ness
Federal Communications Commission
1919 M Street, N.W., Room 832
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RE: CC Docket No. 96-45

Dear Commissioner Ness:

I am an employee of the Fort Wayne Community Schools district. Since my work with the district involves information systems, I have an awareness of the importance of the "E-Rate" Telecommunications Discount Program in relation to affordable communications services to school districts wanting to provide internet and distance learning services to students. To adequately prepare students to survive in America's ever-expanding "technology" society, it is essential that students have access to this technology in the classroom.

I urge the FCC to fully support the Joint Board's discount plan for universal service for schools and libraries.

Sincerely,



Tim Freeman

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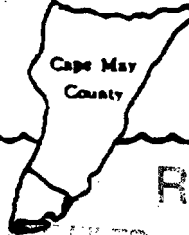
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The Honorable Susan Ness, Commissioner
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1919 M Street, NW, Room 844
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Federal Communications Commission
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RE: CC Docket No. 96-45

Dear Commissioner Ness:

I would like to introduce myself as the Superintendent of the Lower Township Elementary Schools. My appreciation is extended to you for your dedication in ensuring that all school districts and education consortia will have affordable access to the Information Superhighway.

The Telecommunications Act and the Federal-State Joint Board decision will guarantee that all school districts will have the opportunity to connect to the Internet and provide distance-learning opportunities. The \$2.25 billion a year will address the needs of all our schools and the plan will provide services directly to the classroom where students learn. Your inclusion of internal classroom connections for discounts is vital. This plan is necessary for providing the knowledge to our future workforce.

Reduced rates will allow students and school professionals to connect more frequently to a variety of resources providing greater access to the world-wide community. At this time, schools are limited by the constraints of costly message units, particularly in utilizing multiple ISDN connections for quality Interactive Television. Affordable access will encourage libraries and other agencies to provide more extensive services to schools.

I urge the FCC give their full support to the Joint Board's discount plan for universal service for schools.

Sincerely,

A handwritten signature in cursive script that reads "Joseph Cirrinicione".

Joseph Cirrinicione
Superintendent

School District of Pickens County

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April 2, 1997

The Honorable Susan Ness, Commissioner
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RE: CC Docket No. 96-45

Dear Commissioner Ness:

I am superintendent of schools for the School District of Pickens County in Pickens County, Easley, South Carolina, 29640. I thank you for your dedicated work to ensure that all school districts will have access to the information highway. This is a valuable information/teaching tool as we prepare students for the twenty-first century.

The Telecommunications Act and the Federal-State Joint Board decision will guarantee that all school districts will have the opportunity to connect to the internet and provide distance-learning opportunities. The \$2.25 billion a year will address the needs of all our schools, and will bring services directly to the classroom where students learn. Your inclusion of internal classroom connections for discounts is vital.

We need the discounts for student telecommunications services this year. I urge the FCC to fully support the Joint Board's discount plan for universal service for schools.

Sincerely,

W.D. Hucks, Ed.D.
Superintendent

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Edward Lewis
Teacher Trainer
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March 31, 1997

The Honorable Susan Ness, Commissioner
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Dear Commissioner Ness,

I am a Teacher Trainer from the Chicago Public Schools and I would like to thank you for your dedication in ensuring that all schools and libraries will have affordable access to the Information Superhighway. The Telecommunications Act and the Federal-State Joint Board discount plan will guarantee that even the poorest school will have the opportunity to connect to the Internet and be able to provide its students distance learning opportunities. The \$2.25 billion a year will address the needs of all our schools, and importantly, the plan will bring services directly to the classroom where students learn. Your inclusion of internal classroom connections for discounts is vital. This plan is essential for preparing the workforce of the 21st Century.

Our schools need the deep discounts for telecommunications services this year. In Chicago, schools can be charged as much as \$375/mo. for a T1 line, (even during the summer months when school is not in session). This puts extreme pressure on a school's limited resources. I urge the FCC to fully support the Joint Board's discount plan for affordable universal service for schools and libraries.

Thank you.

Sincerely,



Edward A. Lewis

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Broken Arrow Public Schools

Dr. Jerry W. Hill, Superintendent of Schools

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Federal Communications Commission
Office of General Counsel

The Honorable Susan Ness, Commissioner
Federal Communications Commission
1919 M. Street N. W., Room 832
Washington, D.C. 20554

RE: CC Docket No. 96-45

Dear Commissioner Ness:

I am writing to encourage that you seriously consider the link between universal access to telecommunication services for all public schools and our nation's competitiveness in the Information Age. With the development of the Internet and high speed telecommunications applications, the opportunity for reaching every child in this nation with quality learning experiences exists today as it has at no other time in our history. The commission's actions on May 8, will determine the future opportunities provided to millions of children across this nation.

As the final implementation recommendations are being developed, please take a moment of your time to realize that currently only 14% of our nation's classrooms are connected to the Internet primarily due to cost. The creation of an "E-rate" will guarantee that even the poorest schools will have an opportunity and greatly enhance the ability of principals and teachers to prepare their students for the Information Age. This plan is essential for preparing the workforce of tomorrow. More Broken Arrow students would receive more comprehensive access to the Internet and distance-learning with this discount.

Please consider our nation's students as you cast your vote on May 8.

Sincerely,

Jerry W. Hill, Ed.D.
Superintendent

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March 27, 1997

Honorable Susan Ness, Commissioner
Federal Communications Commissioner
1919 M Street NW - Room 844
Washington, DC 20544

Dear Honorable Ness:

RE: CC Docket 96-45 - Universal Service to Libraries and Schools

We are writing in strong support of the meaningful discounts for libraries and schools as envisioned by the Federal-State Joint Board in their Recommended Rules published last November. As high school librarians, we are very interested in obtaining Internet Access for all of our 2,300 students.

The Recommended Rules allow libraries and schools significant discounts for the telecommunications and **critical, non-telecommunications** services necessary to assure that **all** of our schools are connected to the Internet and other on-line resources that are critical to live, learn and work in an increasingly information-driven world.

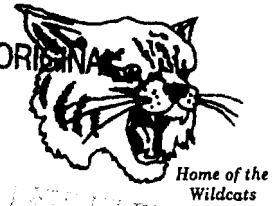
Congress passed the Telecommunications Act of 1996 with the clear intent of insuring that libraries and schools would be able to access the latest technology. By allowing significant discounts on telecommunications services, local wiring and Internet access, the Joint Board has accurately recognized the needs of poorer schools and libraries that cannot afford the internal wiring necessary to connect with the Internet. By allowing telecommunications companies and non-telco carriers to compete for the discounts, the Joint Board has also recognized the need for diverse technologies to serve the diverse urban and rural areas of the State.

Thank you for your attention to this important matter for our libraries and schools -- and -- ultimately for us all, as a better educated community benefits everyone. Please do not hesitate to call if we can be of any further assistance.

Sincerely,

Sincerely,
Gloria Ziolkowski
Barbara Herzog
 Gloria Ziolkowski, Librarian
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April 4, 1997

The Honorable Susan Ness, Commissioner
Federal Communications Commission
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Washington, DC 20554

RE: CC Docket No. 96-45

Dear Commissioner Ness:

I am the administrator from Educational Service 10 located in Kearney, Nebraska, and I would like to thank you for your efforts to ensure that all school districts and education consortia will have affordable access to the Information Superhighway.

The Telecommunications Act and the Federal-State Joint Board decision will help guarantee that all school districts will have the opportunity to connect to the Internet and provide distance-learning opportunities. The \$2.25 billion a year will address the needs of all our schools, and importantly, the plan will bring services directly to the classroom where students learn. Your inclusion of internal classroom connections for discounts is vital. This plan is essential for preparing the workforce of tomorrow.

Educational Service Unit 10 already maintains a direct connect system with all K-12 school districts that it serves in a 10,000 square mile area. The discounts will be used to maintain and expand the local and statewide voice / video / data network. Our school districts alone budget approximately \$150,000 each year to maintain present connections. Due to potential budget cuts at the state level in Nebraska, your support is needed to continue use of the infrastructure which is currently being utilized. Any loss of the \$2.25 billion allotted to this Act would be devastating to local school districts struggling to provide basic education to students.

Our students need deep discounts for telecommunications services this year. I urge the FCC to fully support the Joint Board's discount plan for universal service for schools.

Thank you,

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Wayne A. Bell

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I urge acceptance of the recommendations of the joint board to support universal and economical access in schools and libraries, including access from the individual classrooms of America's schools. Thank you.

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I urge you to accept the recommendations made by the joint board to support universal and economical access in schools and libraries, including access from the individual classrooms of America's schools. Students, parents, educators will not stand for inability of students in our schools to be deprived of access because of cost that does not need to be there--is only there to put more money in already deep pockets. Thank you for your consideration.

Carol Campbell
Director of Sacred Heart Schools

CC: A7.A7(jquello,sness,rchong)



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April 2, 1997

The Honorable Susan Ness
Federal Communications Commission
1919 M. Street NW, Room 844
Washington, D.C. 20554

Dear Commissioner Ness:

Re: CC Docket No. 96-45


As York School District Number One Superintendent, thank you for your dedication to ensure that all school districts and education consortia will have affordable access to the Information Superhighway.

The Telecommunications Act and the Federal-State Joint Board's decision will guarantee that all school districts will have the opportunity to connect to the Internet and provide distance-learning opportunities. The \$2.25 billion a year will address the needs of all of our schools, and most importantly, the plan will bring services directly to the classroom where students learn. Your inclusion of internal classroom connections for discounts is vital. This plan is essential for preparing the workforce of tomorrow.

Our school district is moving slowly toward upgrading our equipment and providing our students with the necessary technology to prepare them for the future. This funding from the federal government will greatly assist our schools in obtaining the necessary equipment and infrastructure.

Our students need deep discounts for telecommunications services this year. I urge the FCC to fully support the Joint Board's discount plan for universal service for schools.

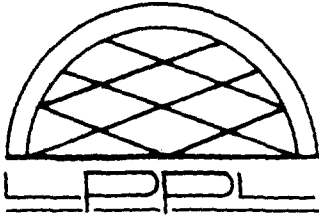
Thank you.

Sincerely,

Paul A. Shaw
Superintendent

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LA GRANGE PARK PUBLIC LIBRARY DISTRICT

April 7, 1997

The Honorable Susan Ness
Commissioner
Federal Communications Commission
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Washington, DC 20554

Dear Ms. Ness:

RE: CC Docket 96-45 - Universal Service to Libraries and Schools

On behalf of the La Grange Park Public Library, I am writing in strong support of the meaningful discounts for the telecommunications and critical, non-telecommunications services necessary to assure that all of our public libraries and schools are connected to the Internet and other on-line resources that are critical to live, learn, and work in an increasingly information-driven world.

Congress passed the Telecommunications Act of 1996 with the clear intent of ensuring that libraries and schools would be able to access the latest technology. By allowing significant discounts on telecommunications services, local wiring and Internet access, the Joint Board has accurately recognized the needs of poorer schools and libraries that cannot afford the internal wiring necessary to connect with the Internet. By allowing telecommunications companies and non-telco carriers to compete for the discounts, the Joint Board has also recognized the need for diverse technologies to serve the diverse urban and rural areas of the State.

Thank you for your attention to this important matter for our libraries and schools -- and -- ultimately for us all, as a better educated community benefits everyone. Please do not hesitate to call if we can be of any further assistance.

Sincerely,

Dixie M. Conkis
Executive Director

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The Honorable Susan Ness, Commissioner
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RE: CC Docket No. 96-45

Dear Commissioner Ness:

I am the Executive Director of the Capital Area Intermediate Unit in central Pennsylvania, and the President-Elect of the Pennsylvania Association of Intermediate Units. I thank you for your dedication and interest in ensuring that all school districts and education consortia will have affordable access to the Information Superhighway.

A positive Telecommunications Act and the Federal-State Joint Board decision will guarantee that all school districts will have the opportunity to connect to the Internet and provide distance-learning opportunities. The \$2.25 billion a year will address the needs of all our schools, and importantly, the plan will bring services directly to the classroom where students learn. Your inclusion of internal classroom connections for discounts is vital. This plan is essential for preparing the workforce of tomorrow.

I assure you the regional educational service agencies in Pennsylvania are eager to assist schools and libraries to build consortiums to promote the efficient utilization of resources and create strong competition among the interested service providers.

Our students need deep discounts for telecommunications services this year. I urge the FCC to support the Joint Board's discount plan for universal service for schools.

Thank you.

Sincerely,

Edward T. Frye
Executive Director

LINWOOD PUBLIC SCHOOLS

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Washington D.C. 20554

Dear Commissioner Ness:

RE: CC Docket No. 96-45

I am Superintendent from the Linwood Public Schools, Linwood, New Jersey, and I would like to thank you for your dedication in ensuring that all school districts and educational consortia will have affordable access to the Information Superhighway.

The Telecommunications Act and the Federal-State Joint Board decision will guarantee that all school districts will have the opportunity to connect to the Internet and provide distance-learning opportunities. The \$2.25 billion a year will address the needs of all our schools, and importantly, the plan will bring services directly to the classroom where students learn. Your inclusion of internal classroom connections for discounts is vital. This plan is essential for preparing the workforce of tomorrow.

Linwood has had interest in such connections over the past several years but due to the high monthly costs our district has not been able to activate our interest. Our students need deep discounts for telecommunications. I urge the FCC to fully support the Joint Board's discount plan for universal service for schools.

Thank you.

Sincerely,


Ralph A. Schiavo, Jr.
Superintendent of Schools

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Spring Hill

Unified School District #230



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April 4, 1997

The Honorable Susan Ness, Commissioner
Federal Communications Commission
191 M. Street, N.W., Room 832
Washington, D.C. 20554

RE: CC Docket No. 96-45

Dear Commissioner Ness,

I am a school board member for Spring Hill Unified School District No. 230 in Spring Hill, Kansas. I would like to thank you for your dedication in ensuring that all schools will have affordable access to the Information Superhighway.

The Telecommunications Act and the Federal-State Joint Board discount plan will guarantee that even the poorest schools will have the opportunity to connect to the internet and provide distance-learning opportunities. The \$2.25 billion a year will address the needs of all our schools, and more importantly, the plan will bring services directly to the classroom where students learn. Your inclusion of internal classroom connections for discounts is vital. This plan is essential for preparing the workforce of tomorrow.

Our district has been using grant funds to equip classrooms and labs with up-to-date computer equipment. Now we need help to allow our students to learn and communicate globally.

Our students need deep discounts for telecommunications services this year. I urge the FCC to fully support the Joint Board's discount plan for universal service for schools and libraries.

Sincerely,

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Bob Metcalf
Board Member

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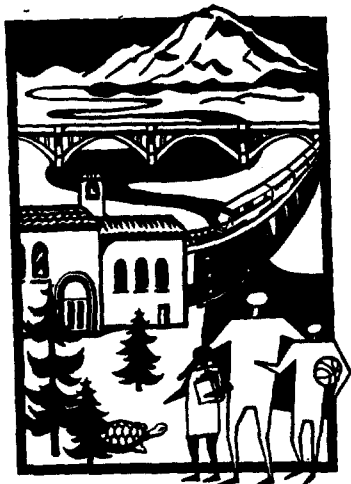
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MIKE McLAUGHLIN, Ed.D.
Superintendent



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Susan Ness, Commissioner
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Dear Commissioner Ness:

I urge you and your FCC colleagues to fully support the Joint Board's discount plan for universal service to schools. I am the Superintendent of the Redding School District in Redding, California and I thank you for your interest in making sure that all schools will have affordable entry to the Information Superhighway.

The Telecommunications Act and the Federal-State Joint Board discount plan will guarantee that the Redding School District will have the opportunity to connect to the Internet to provide student access to this valuable resource. Your inclusion of internal classroom connections for discounts is vital. Our students need your help in making sure these discounts are in place so they can enjoy the telecommunication services tomorrow.

Thank you.

Sincerely,

Mike McLaughlin, Ed.D.
Superintendent

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**Oakland Schools**

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The Honorable Susan Ness, Commissioner
Federal Communications Commission
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Federal Communications Commission
Office of the Secretary

Re: CC Docket No. 96-45

Dear Commissioner Ness:

I am the superintendent of Oakland Schools, a regional education service agency which serves 28 public school districts and 186,759 students in Oakland County, Michigan. One of the major issues among school superintendents, school boards and other educators in Oakland County and throughout Michigan is that of affordable access to our nation's information infrastructure.

In Oakland County we would continue our work as a regional consortium to bring information access to approximately 10,000 classrooms. To accomplish our goal, we need reduced rates for dialtone and high speed data lines but more importantly, we need affordable means of on-premise equipment and networking for all of our school buildings.

The Telecommunications Act and the Federal-State Joint Board decision will guarantee that all school districts will have the opportunity to connect to the Internet and provide distance-learning opportunities. The \$2.25 billion a year will address the needs of all our schools, and importantly, the plan will bring services directly to the classroom where students learn. Your inclusion of internal classroom connections for discounts is vital. This plan is essential for preparing the workforce of tomorrow.

Our students need deep discounts for telecommunications services this year. I urge the FCC to fully support the Joint Board's discount plan for universal service to schools.

Thank you.

Sincerely,

James Redmond, Ph.D.
Superintendent

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Dear Commissioner Susan Ness:

As a teacher at Urbana Elementary School in Frederick, MD, I am writing to urge your support for the Universal Service discounts for schools and libraries that have been recommended by the Joint Board.

I would like to thank you for your dedication in ensuring that all schools and libraries will have affordable access to the internet.

The Telecommunications Act and the Joint Board discount plan will guarantee that even the poorest schools will have the opportunity to connect to the internet. As a teacher, I know what a valuable resource the internet can be.

As more and more teachers in my building are exploring the possibilities of the internet, they are also discovering what a valuable resource the internet is. It is very important that affordable access be provided for every school and library in Maryland. The \$2.25 billion a year will address the needs of all our schools, and, importantly, the plan will bring services directly to the classroom where students learn.

Our students and teachers need deep discounts for telecommunications services this year. I urge the FCC to fully support the Joint Board's discount plan for universal service for schools and libraries.

Thank you.

Sincerely,

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The Honorable Susan Ness, Commissioner
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RE: CC Docket No. 96-45

Dear Commissioner Ness:

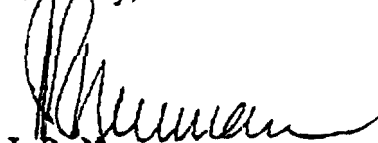
As superintendent of Zumbrota-Mazeppa School District in Minnesota I thank you for your dedication and diligence in ensuring that all school districts and education consortia will have affordable access to the Information Superhighway.

The Telecommunications Act and the Federal-State Joint Board decision will guarantee that all school districts will have the opportunity to connect to the Internet and provide distance-learning opportunities. The \$2.25 billion a year will address the needs of all our schools and the plan will bring services directly to the classroom where students learn. Your inclusion of internal classroom connections for discounts is vital. This plan is essential for preparing the workforce of tomorrow.

I urge the FCC to fully support the Joint Board's discount plan for universal service for schools.

Thank you.

Sincerely,



J. R. Neuman
Superintendent
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RE: CC Docket No. 96-45

Dear Commissioner Ness:

I am the Superintendent of Schools in the Wausau School District, and I would like to thank you for your dedication in ensuring that all school districts and education consortia will have affordable access to the Information Superhighway.

The Telecommunications Act and the Federal-State Joint Board decision will guarantee that all school districts will have the opportunity to connect to the Internet and provide distance-learning opportunities. The \$2.25 billion a year will address the needs of all our schools and, importantly, the plan will bring services directly to the classroom where students learn. Your inclusion of internal classroom connections for discounts is vital. This plan is essential for preparing the workforce of tomorrow. We would use the discounts to fund Internet and Wide Area Network connections.

Our students need deep discounts for telecommunications services this year. I urge the FCC to fully support the Joint Board's discount plan for universal service for schools.

Thank you.

Sincerely,

A handwritten signature in cursive script, appearing to read "Charles T. Skurka".

Charles T. Skurka, Ed.D.
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The Honorable Susan Ness
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RE: CC Docket No. 96-45

Dear Commissioner Ness,

The Fort Campbell School Board would like to thank-you for your services to the entire school community. Your dedication will ensure that all schools will have access to the Information Superhighway. The Telecommunications Act of 1996 and the Federal-State Joint Board discount plan will guarantee all schools needed connection opportunities.

As a school system that is composed of 100% military children, we realize how important global access is to the student. Access to the Internet will provide our students with distance learning experiences that are so important for our future workforce. The 2.25 billion a year will address the needs of schools all over the United States, and most importantly, the internal connection discounts will bring services directly to classrooms where the student will benefit the most.

Fort Campbell, like most school boards and administrations, have juggled the high cost of Internet access and connections against building renovation and upkeep. Discounts for telecommunication services would allow us to accomplish BOTH objectives.

I strongly urge the FCC to support the Joint Boards plan for universal discounts. The plan would greatly enhance the United States schools and libraries.

Sincerely,

Cenema Judd
President
Fort Campbell School Board

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RE: CC DOCKET No. 96-45

Dear Commissioner Ness,

As Mayor, I am the New Bedford Massachusetts School Committee's ex-officio board member.

At this time I would like to thank you for your untiring dedication to make sure that all schools will have affordable access to the Information Highway. The new Telecommunications Act and the Federal-State Joint board discount plan will definitely guarantee that the poorest schools will have the opportunity to connect to the Internet and provide them with distance-learning opportunities.

The \$2.25 billion allocated will certainly provide the plan which will bring direct services to all classrooms where our students learn. Your inclusion of internal classroom connections for discounts is **vital** and I urge the FCC to fully support the Joint Board's discount plan for universal services for schools and libraries.

Sincerely,

Rosemary S. Tierney
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Mayor

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RE: CC Docket 96-45 -- Universal Service to Libraries and Schools

On behalf of the Reddick Library, I am writing to encourage your support of the discounts for libraries and schools as envisioned by the Federal-State Joint Board in their Recommended Rules published last November.

The Recommended Rules would allow libraries and schools significant discounts for the telecommunications and non-telecommunications services necessary to enable public libraries and schools to meet the President's goals for connecting to the Internet and other on-line resources.

Congress passed the Telecommunications Act of 1996 with the clear intent of insuring that libraries and schools would be able to access the latest technology. Allowing significant discounts on telecommunications services, local wiring and Internet access, the Joint Board has acknowledged the needs of poorer schools and libraries that cannot afford the internal wiring necessary.

Thank you for your attention to this important matter for our libraries and schools, and for helping us to make a better educated community with resources beneficial to all.

Sincerely,



Kathy Berggren
Director



WILLIAM F. PETTUS
Superintendent of Schools

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The Honorable Susan Ness, Commissioner
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RE: CC Docket NO. 96-45

Dear Commissioner Ness,

I am a locally elected school board member from the Mariposa County Unified School District in California. Our district covers 1,455 square miles and has thirteen schools. Rural schools like ours have few dollars and no corporate support. Our businesses are Mom and Pop in ownership and we have no industry other than tourism. Our students have little or no access to libraries. We need your support of the E-Rate Telecommunications Discount Program.

The Telecommunications Act of 1996 and the Federal-State Joint Board discount plan is the only way my students will have access to the internet and the ability to keep up with inner-city and urban students.

The E-Rate Telecommunications Discount Program is desperately needed by all students and overdue in rural areas. I beseech you to fully support the Joint Boards recommendations for our kids.

Thank you for your consideration.

Very truly,

A handwritten signature in cursive script, appearing to read "Bob Bartholomew".

Bob Bartholomew
Board of Trustees and Education